

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE

NOTICE OF FINAL RULEMAKING

The Director of the Department of Health Care Finance, pursuant to the authority set forth in An Act to enable the District of Columbia to receive federal financial assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act for a medical assistance program, and for other purposes, approved December 27, 1967 (81 Stat. 744; D.C. Official Code § 1-307.02 (2006 Repl. & 2012 Supp.), and Section 6(6) of the Department of Health Care Finance Establishment Act of 2007, effective February 27, 2008 (D.C. Law 17-109; D.C. Official Code § 7-771.05(6) (2008 Repl.)), hereby gives notice of an amendment to Section 5213 of Chapter 52 (Medicaid Reimbursement for Mental Health Rehabilitative Services) of Title 29 (Public Welfare) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

The purposes of this amendment are to (1) increase the reimbursement rate to Department of Mental Health-certified providers for the Mental Health Rehabilitation Service (MHRS) – Medication Somatic; and (2) amend the code for the Medication-Somatic service to a code which more appropriately describes the service provided. Analysis of reimbursement rates for medication somatic services or comparable services for the state of Maryland and for District of Columbia Free Standing Mental Health Clinics revealed that the previous MHRS Medication Somatic rates were the lowest and were 30% less than Medicare rates for the District of Columbia. The standard for DC Medicaid reimbursement is 80% of the DC Medicare rate. The new rate brings the MHRS rate into compliance with this methodology by increasing reimbursement rates for Medication Somatic services. Additionally, the new code for these services is entitled “medication training and support, per 15 minutes”, which best describes a Medication Somatic service.

The proposed rulemaking was published on May 31, 2013 in the *D.C. Register* at 60 DCR 7626 – Part 1. No comments were received and no changes have been made to the proposed rule as published. The Director took final action on the rule on July 18, 2013. This amendment will become effective on the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.

Chapter 52, MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, of Title 29, PUBLIC WELFARE, of the DCMR is amended as follows:

Section 5213, Reimbursement, Subsection 5213.1 is deleted in its entirety and is amended to read as follows:

5213.1 Medicaid reimbursement for MHRS shall be determined as follows:

SERVICE	CODE	BILLABLE UNIT OF SERVICE	RATE
Diagnostic/	T1023HE	An assessment,	\$240.00

SERVICE	CODE	BILLABLE UNIT OF SERVICE	RATE
Assessment		at least 3 hours in duration	
	H0002	An assessment, 40 – 50 minutes in duration to determine eligibility for admission to a mental health treatment program	\$85.00
Medication/ Somatic Treatment	H0034	15 minutes	\$39.29 – Individual (ages 22 and over)
	H0034HA	15 minutes	\$42.86– Individual (ages 0 – 21)
	H0034HQ	15 minutes	\$21.26 – Group
Counseling	H0004	15 minutes	\$19.50 – Individual On-Site (ages 22 and over)
	H0004HA	15 minutes	\$20.31 – Individual On-Site (ages 0 – 21)
	H0004HQ	15 minutes	\$10.45 – Group
	H0004HR	15 minutes	\$19.50 – Family with Consumer On- Site (ages 22 and over)
	H0004HS	15 minutes	\$19.50 – Family without Consumer On-Site (ages 22 and over)
	H0004HAHR	15 minutes	\$20.31 – Family with Consumer On- Site (ages 0 – 21)
	H0004HAHS	15 minutes	\$20.31 – Family without Consumer On-Site (ages 0 - 21)
	H0004HE	15 minutes	\$23.19 – Individual Off-Site (all ages)
Community Support	H0036	15 minutes	\$19.19 – Individual
	H0036HQ	15 minutes	\$8.67 – Group
	H0036UK	15 minutes	\$19.19 – Collateral
	H0036AM	15 minutes	\$19.19 – Physician Team Member
	H0038	15 minutes	\$19.19 – Self-Help Peer Support
	H0038HQ	15 minutes	\$8.67 –Self-Help Peer Support

SERVICE	CODE	BILLABLE UNIT OF SERVICE	RATE
	H0036HR	15 minutes	Group \$19.19 – Family with Consumer
	H0036HS	15 minutes	\$19.19 – Family without Consumer
	H0036U1	15 minutes	\$19.19 – Community Residence Facility
	H2023	15 minutes	\$16.25 – Supported Employment (Therapeutic)
Crisis/ Emergency	H2011	15 minutes	\$33.57
Day Services	H0025	One day, at least 3 hours in duration	\$144.77
Intensive Day Treatment	H2012	One day, at least 5 hours in duration	\$164.61
Community- Based Intervention (Level I – Multi-Systemic Therapy)	H2033	15 minutes	\$57.42
Community- Based Intervention (Level II and Level III)	H2022	15 minutes	\$31.35
Community- Based Intervention (Level IV – Functional Family Therapy)	H2033HU	15 minutes	\$57.42

SERVICE	CODE	BILLABLE UNIT OF SERVICE	RATE
Assertive Community Treatment	H0039	15 minutes	\$31.57 – Individual
	H0039HQ	15 minutes	\$11.07 – Group